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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5467

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Cal. No. 307

**"AN ACT CREATING A WORKFORCE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS
AROUND CONNECTICUT'S PUBLIC AIRPORTS."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 13b-50a of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2012*):

5 The following initiatives shall be established to preserve
6 Connecticut's licensed privately owned, publicly used airports which
7 have a paved runway and a minimum of five thousand operations per
8 year: (1) The state shall have the right of first refusal to purchase, via
9 fair market value and state property acquisition procedures, an airport,
10 if that airport is threatened with sale or closure, for the express

11 purpose of preserving the airport; (2) the Commissioner of
12 Transportation may acquire the development rights, based on fair
13 market value for such rights, of such airports, provided the airport
14 remains a public airport; (3) the state shall fund capital improvements
15 to private airports, in which case the state shall participate in ninety
16 per cent of the eligible costs and the balance by the sponsor, with
17 budget and priorities to be determined by the Department of
18 Transportation, and engineering in accordance with Federal Aviation
19 Administration Advisory Circulars; and (4) the establishment of a new
20 airport zoning category for the airport's imaginary surfaces as defined
21 by Federal Aviation Regulations [. Development within these surfaces
22 shall require notices for proposed construction and a federal
23 determination of obstructions. Construction of obstructions deemed
24 hazardous to navigation shall not be allowed] and a program to
25 mitigate noise in airport neighborhoods in which the noise exceeds
26 applicable Federal Aviation Administration standards. Such program
27 may be combined with existing energy conservation programs.
28 Funding for such program shall be from available federal resources.

29 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) The Department of
30 Transportation, in consultation with the Labor Department and the
31 Department of Veterans' Affairs, shall, in administering the program
32 established pursuant to subdivision (4) of section 13b-50a of the
33 general statutes, as amended by this act, set aside not less than thirty
34 per cent of the projects or contracts for such program for veterans with
35 service in time of war, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of
36 the general statutes, except that for the purposes of this section,
37 "service in time of war" shall not include time spent in training. To be
38 eligible for such set aside, the contracting entity shall be a veteran
39 certified in weatherization and insulation techniques through a
40 training program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment
41 Act of 2009, or a company that employs such certified veterans."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	13b-50a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section